

GRANGE MATTERS

January – February 2020

Whatcom County Pomona

Haynie Laurel Lummi Is.

N. Bellingham Rome Ten Mile

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Part of the Laurel Grange Christmas Display

BAKING CONTEST

The annual Grange Baking Contest (entries from members and non-members welcome) will be held at our February meeting, Tuesday 2/18/20, at Ten Mile Grange. Entries are due from 10am - noon for judging. The evening will begin with a Potluck at 6pm, followed by an auction of the baked goods, beginning at 6:45, followed by Pomona meeting. Here's a chance to try out a new, or a tried & true recipe. The auction is always lots of fun, with items going from \$2 to \$30. Plan now to attend.

POMONA By-laws

The Pomona By-laws committee has been hard at work, bringing our By-laws into the 21st Century! A final vote will be held at the February 18th meeting, at Ten Mile Grange. If you would like an electronic copy of the proposed By-laws, please contact Pomona Secretary Russ Weston at russweston2223@gmail.com.

TEN MILE GRANGE

Ten Mile Grange #399 was happy to donate 30 Dictionaries to the Lummi Nation School for the "Words For Thirds" Project.



Oren Gaskill shows the dictionary to the kids.



Pictured along with two Third Grade classes are (back row, l to r) their two teachers, Assistant Steward Gary Brandt, Treasurer Oren Gaskill, Secretary Lew Gaskill, Master Pete Hauck, and Lecturer Jean Hauck.

HAYNIE GRANGE

Jan

10 - Regular Meeting - 7:30

12 - Breakfast - 8 to Noon

24 - Potluck - 6:30 / Program - 7:30*

(*see Program below)

Feb

9 - Breakfast - 8 to Noon

14 - Regular Meeting - 7:30

28 - Potluck - 6:30 / Program - 7:30

*Program for Jan 24th

Tech Changemakers will be presenting about "Password Security and Phishing." Tech Changemakers is a team of local 4H youth partnered with Microsoft to help people across Whatcom County learn about technology. They will have a lesson on what makes a strong password and how to be on the lookout for Phishing attempts to steal your Identity. Afterward, they will have a Question and Answer time. Feel free to bring your tablets, computers, or smart phones. This Program is open to the community.

Grange Meetings:

Lummi Island 1st Wednesday 6:30p

N. Bellingham 1st Saturday 1pm

Rome 2nd Wednesday 1pm

Ten Mile 2nd Thursday 7:30p

Laurel 2nd Saturday 1p

Haynie 2nd and 4th Fridays 7:30p

NATIONAL GRANGE CONVENTION

2019-2020 National Youth Ambassadors and National Young Patrons



Alexis Kudsk (from our own Haynie Grange!), Jaycee Jettie (Montana) and Tracey & Phillip Jones (Illinois)

LUMMI ISLAND GRANGE

John Granger – Lummi Island Grange Citizen of the Year 2019

John graduated from Ferndale High School in 1967, where he was active in De Molay, and Masons, and he and his family have been long time Grange members. In fact, his grandparents filed the original charter for the Lummi Island Grange.

John attended Western Washington University, and worked Summers in Alaska, and also worked for Uniflight. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, where he served as a Generator Operator. After his enlistment, he returned to the island, and worked with his Dad, Earl, and Uncle, Ray McFarland, in GraMac Construction, and later Granger Construction.

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Whatcom County Grange installation at Laurel Grange on 12/10/2019

WM Scott Hackett opened the meeting with all singing "Deck The Halls" accompanied by musician Bekki Weston at the piano. Chaplain Lew Gaskill gave the opening prayer. Presiding officer WM Scott Hackett handed the gavel to Deputy Russ Weston. Russ installed Scott Hackett as Master of both Haynie and of the Whatcom County Grange with the assistance of Marshals Oren Gaskill and Melanie Hackett. WM Scott Hackett resumed as presiding officer and installed:

Overseer Oren Gaskill (Pomona)

Lectures Penny Mumford (Laurel & Pomona); Bekki Weston (North Bellingham); Melanie Hackett (Haynie); and Jean Hauck (Ten Mile)

Chaplain Lew Gaskill (Pomona)

Stewards Richard Hackett (Pomona) and Shelley Macy (Ten Mile)

Gatekeeper Gary Brandt (Pomona)

Assistant Steward Gary Brandt (Ten Mile)

Lady Assistant Steward Melanie Hackett (Pomona)

Treasurers Carol Wilson (Pomona & North Bellingham), Edith Ward (Laurel) and Oren Gaskill (Ten Mile)

Secretaries Russ Weston (Pomona); Lew Gaskill (Ten Mile) and Bekki Weston (North Bellingham)

Ceres Jean Hauck (Pomona)

Pomona Shelley Macy (Pomona)

Flora Clysta Hawks (Pomona & Laurel)

Executive committee Bekki Weston (Pomona); Carol Wilson (North Bellingham) and Shelley Macy (Ten Mile)

CWA Edith Ward (Pomona); Norma Hackett (Haynie) and Clysta Hawks (Laurel)

Musician Bekki Weston (Pomona)

WM Scott Hackett read the charge to all officers, and Lew Gaskill gave the closing prayer.



Pomona Officers present at the 12/10/19 Installation Meeting include:

Front row left to right: CWA: Edith Ward; Flora: Clysta Hawks; Pomona: Shelley Macy; Ceres: Jean Hauck

Second row left to right: Treasurer: Carol Wilson; Steward: Richard Hackett; Executive Committee: Bekki Weston; Secretary: Russ Weston; Lady Assistant Steward: Melanie Hackett; Chaplain Lew Gaskill

Third row left to right: Lecturer: Penny Mumford; Master: Scott Hackett; Overseer: Oren Gaskill; Gatekeeper: Gary Brandt; Continuing Executive Committee: Pete Hauck

HOT OFF THE PRESS

The Resource and Leadership Conference, presented by State Grange Officers, originally scheduled for Sat. 1/18/20 at Skagit Valley Grange has been POSTPONED, due to current weather conditions. The new date is Friday 2/21/20, 6pm Potluck, with location TBA. If you're not on the Grange e-mail list, send a quick note to: grange.matters@live.com to be added, in order to receive late breaking news!

New England Clam Chowder, by Jean Hauck

Winning recipe at the annual Soup Festival at the November Pomona Meeting

1 T unsalted butter
1/4 lb slab bacon or salt pork, diced

1 large onion, diced
3 cloves garlic, peeled and minced
4 large ribs celery, cleaned and diced
1 green pepper, diced
3 sprigs thyme, minced or 1/2 t. dried
1/2 c flour (to your taste)

46 oz. Ocean Clam juice
46 oz. Chopped Ocean Clams, juice only
(separate and set aside chopped clam meat)
1—2 t. red pepper flakes, to taste
2 T Worcestershire Sauce

1 1/2 lb Yukon Gold or red potatoes, 1/2" cubed
1 large Russet baking potato, smaller cubes
2 bay leaves

2 c milk (I usually also add a can of evap. milk)
2 c heavy cream
1/4 c chopped parsley (optional)
salt and pepper to taste

1. Add **butter**, and turn heat to medium-low. Add **bacon / pork**, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the fat has rendered and the pork has started to brown, approximately 5 to 7 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to remove pork/bacon from fat, and set aside.

2. Add **onions, garlic, celery, green peppers, and thyme** to the fat, and cook, stirring frequently, until the vegetables are soft but not brown, approximately 10 to 15 minutes. Stir in **flour** and cook for 1 minute.

3. Gradually whisk in **clam juice** and **reserved clam juice**. Add the **red-pepper** and **Worcestershire Sauce**.

4. Add **potatoes** and **bay leaves** and bring to a boil. Partly cover the pot, and simmer gently until potatoes are tender, approximately 20 to 25 minutes. When tender, add reserved **chopped clams** and **pork/ bacon**, stirring to combine.

5. Stir in **milk** and **cream** and bring to simmer. Remove thyme/bay leaves and stir in **parsley**, and season with **salt and pepper** to taste. Serve with oyster crackers.

LUMMI ISLAND GRANGE (con't)

In 1977 John joined the Lummi Island Volunteer Fire Department, where he has served as a Fire-fighter and Emergency Medical Technician. He then completed his degree at Western Washington University, and was accepted into the Skagit Valley Nursing Program, and became a Licensed Practical Nurse, and Registered Nurse. He then worked at St. Lukes Hospital in the Medical-Surgery, Intensive Care Unit, and Critical Care Unit Emergency Room.

This work led him to become a Flight Nurse for Airlift Northwest, which he continued until his retirement in January, 2019. In John's continuing roll in support of our Fire Department, he now serves as Chief, of Emergency Medical Services.

Over the past 42 years, John has aided Islanders in medical emergencies, saved lives, alleviated pain, counseled loved ones, and unselfishly given his time and efforts in making our island a safer, and better place to live.

After becoming a Registered Nurse, John received an Officer's Commission in the U.S. Army Reserve, and served a total of 28 years, retiring as Lieutenant Colonel. He served on active duty in Saudi Arabia, during the Desert Storm military conflict, and luckily was able to dodge an Iraqi Scud missile, as he served the medical needs of our troops there.

John's contributions to the Lummi Island community, the wider Whatcom County community, and to this Nation are truly remarkable. With over 42 years serving the island in the Lummi Island Fire Department, 28 years of service to the Nation with the U.S. Army, and serving the critical emergency care of patients across the Northwest as a helicopter Flight Nurse, we commend and honor John Granger, as our Lummi Island Grange Citizen of the Year for 2019.